GREEN FIELD

On Campus

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Phi Theta Kappa organizes February lecture series

A discussion about relations between Southeast Asia and the United States will kick off a special February lecture series at the college. The Distinguished Lecture Series is being sponsored by GCC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society. "The Far East Comes Near: Southeast Asians in the U.S., and the U. S. in Southeast Asia," will be a joint presentation by Joel M. Halpern and Lucy Nguyen on Wednesday, February 2 at 12 noon.

Halpern is professor emeritus of anthropology at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He served in Indochina with the American aid program and has published extensively on the topic. He was also an advisor to the United Nations' Mekong Development Committee. He and Nguyen co-edited *The Far East Comes Near, Autobiographical Accounts of Southeast Asian Students in America.*

Nguyen is currently working on her autobiography, *A Dragon Child: Reflections of a Daughter of Annam in America.* She did her undergraduate work at the University of Saigon, and received her Ph.D. in Francophobe literature from the University of Massachusetts.

Halpern's and Nguyen's presentation provides perspective on the United States' involvement in Indochina, emphasizing the long-term view, not just the war. They stress the views of Cambodians, Vietnamese and Laotians who lived through the wartime experience. They will also discuss experiences of the approximately one million Indochinese who have come to live in the United States as a direct consequence of America's involvement in the war. Their approach is both biographical and autobiographical, utilizing interviews and personal experiences.

The series will explore serveral aspects of international relations, and will conclude with an open discussion on U. S. foreign aid.

Wednesday, February 9

The Phi Theta Kappa Distinguished Lecture Series will continue on Wednesday, February 9, with "The U. S. in a Global Economy: How What Happens Globally Impacts You (Economics for the Non-Economics Major)," by Alexander Zampieron, professor of international economics at Bentley College in Waltham.

Wednesday, February 16

"EarthAction: Acting Together Can Make a World of Difference," is the title of the lecture scheduled for Wednesday, February 16. The lecturer will be Lois Barber, international coordinator and co-founder of EarthAction, an international network of organizations and citizens taking monthly action on global environment, development and peace issues. Barber is also the founder and president of 20/20 Vision, a national network of citizen lobbyists focused on peace and environmental security issues.

Wednesday, February 23

The series will conclude on Wednesday, February 23, with an open discussion about the appropriateness of U. S. foreign aid policy. The discussion will be moderated by several faculty members from GCC.

The Phi Theta Kappa Distinguished Lecture Series has been coordinated by Robert E. Heft, who chairs its college service committee, and vice-chair Kathryn L. O'Connor. The series has been made possible with the support of Mrs. William K. Hefner, and it is planned as an annual event.

To become eligible for Phi Theta Kappa, a student must complete at least 18 credits toward graduation, maintain a 3.5 grade point average, and show evidence of past and continued service to their college and community. Nominees must be recommended by two faulty members.

Each lecture or discussion in the Distinguished Lecture Series will begin at 12 noon in the Sloan Theater. All are free and open to the public.

What's New

Coordinator of the Speech Program **Fred Agnir** and **Carol Letson**, director of the library, attended the 1993 Annual Conference of the League of Innovation in the Community College, held in Nashville, TN, November 14-17. The over all theme was "Using information technology ... to do things differently ... to do different things." More than 2000 registrants from as far away as Australia and the Netherlands attended more than 600 presentations.

Fred attended an in-depth workshop/demonstration on "Teaching English as a Second Language using interactive multimedia technology with ELLIS" (the CALI/IBM England Language and Instruction System); as well as special sessions devoted to "Project Synergy" led by Miami-Dade Community College, which is developing an open-architecture instructional management system for basic skills and other disciplines.

Carol attended several workshops that explored the uses of computer networking and conferencing for students now found on various community college campuses: as a citizenship laboratory, for distance learning and as a tool for bringing new dimensions to traditional courses. With the current need to adapt to changing information technology, the workshops and presentations offered a thorough discussion on "A Proposal to Shift Paradigms about What a Community College is." The conference provided multiple opportunities to hear corporate leaders and higher education leaders discuss "an exciting array of probabilities," says Carol.

Please ask either Fred or Carol about their experiences. They are interested in passing on the literature and information they gathered in Nashville. They provided a summary of the conference offerings at a brown bag lunch presentation November 29.

Personnel changes: **Janna Thompson** has been assigned full-time as the admission office receptionist/EDP operator. Her extension will be 233.

Heather Hoyt has moved to a full-time day position as EDP operator in the student records office. Her new extension is 231.

Karen Chesney has moved from afternoon receptionist in student services to enrollment and community services (ECS, formerly the Division of Continuing Education) Monday through Thursday, 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Her extension is 276.

Deanna Lovett now works full-time days (she had been night computer operator and Career Assistance Program data entry person, both part-time), dividing her time between student services, ECS and Banner data entry.

Ann Sloan has been appointed as half-time security officer working with Director of Safety and Security **Val Knowlton** during the day. She has been working as a site supervisor at GCC for Arrow Security, the college's security contractor, and the Sunderland police department.

New food service manager **Gary Weiss** brings a great deal of experience to GCC, but says that **Chris Jones** is "a tough act to follow." For the past two years Gary has worked for Grace Foods as chef manager at Mount Marie in Holyoke, a retirement home operated by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Mount Marie also operates a health care facility and convention center, and serves about 250 meals a day. Previously, Gary has worked as an executive chef for the Holiday Inn in Springfield, a troubleshooting chef for Inn America, a sous chef for Sheraton Sturbridge and a banquet chef for Buena Vista Palace Hotel in Orlando, FL.

"This will be one of the hardest transitions I've ever made," he says. "As a troubleshooting chef I could have a clear impact because I was always inheriting major problems. I could easily turn a place around and make it and me look good. It will be harder to do that here. Chris has done a wonderful job, and the place is running real well. We've got a good crew that knows what it's doing, and I don't want to disrupt it too much."

Gary anticipates no major changes, but some little ones—eventually. "My goal is not to make too many changes too soon," he says.

Gary lives in Montague but is in the process of purchasing a home in Northfield. A native of Randolph, MA, he has been in the food service business since age 12, and even worked full-time in restaurants in and around Washington, DC, while attending George Washington University. He earned his bachelor's degree in political science from George Washington, and spent his junior year abroad in Tel Aviv, Israel, where—you guessed it—he worked for the Sheraton. Gary is also a graduate of the prestigious Culinary Institute of America.

"I'm real glad to be here," he says, "and I appreciate the friendly welcome I have received. If people have any suggestions, I'd love to hear them." Gary's extension is 292.

Part-time faculty member **Lori Wynters** (psychology), a Ph.D. candidate in social psychology at the Union Institute, attended a five-day seminar on "Gender, Power and Sexual Harassment" in Washington, DC, with Bernice Sandler and Judith Arcana, directors of the National Task Force on Sexual Harassment. The focus of the November seminar was on defining sexual harassment, legal aspects and creating policy for academic institutions and organizations.

What to call the new building

Is it "downtown" or "up the street"? Last semester we asked for your suggestions about what to name the "old Heritage Bank building" at 270 Main Street in Greenfield, recently purchased for use by the college by the Greenfield Community College Foundation.

A total of 20 of you responded—several on behalf of more than one person—submitting 36 different names and 52 names in all. The leading vote-getters were "Downtown Campus" (and its variants, including "Upstreet"), with 6 votes, the "Heritage Campus" (5), *"Main Street Campus"* (5), *and "Lewis O. Turner Building"* (4).

All of the suggestions will be taken under advisement. For a look at our contest winners, turn the page.

Here are the complete results:

I would like to suggest the Arthur W. Shaw Annex.

—Carolyn Bellany

How about "GCC Satellite".

—Debra Call

GCC North
GCC East
GCC Learning Extension
GCC Extension
Expanding Ideas
Future Watch
Cooperative Learning
New Concepts
GCC Downtown
GCC Connection
Advancing Education
GCC Satellite
Learning Trends
GCC Technology Express
GCC Side II

—John Canon

How about Heritage Campus?

—Sylvia Carey

Greenfield Community College "Heritage Campus".

—Sterling Clark

The Turner Building, in honor of the second president of the college.

—Jim Godwin

GCC Downtown.

—Joan Ibish

Here's a list of some of my ideas for possible names for the new downtown GCC facility:

The GCC Main Endeavor
The GCC Main Line
The GCC Main Artery (The Artery)
The GCC Downtown Connection
GCC's About Town
Greenfield's Community College
GCC Credits-R-Us
GCC Meds-R-Us
(health and nursing programs)

—David Johnson

Unless we get someone to donate enough money to pay off the mortgage, I'd suggest we simply call it the Downtown Center or Downtown Campus.

—Bob Keir

GCC Heritage Campus.

—Val Knowlton

I suggest the GCC's UpStreet Campus—which reflects the Yankee colloquialism for "downtown".

—Carol Letson

Greenfield Community College Foundation's acquisition of the former Heritage Bank building for the use of the college is a noteworthy event. It also provides a unique opportunity to recognize the contribution made by Lewis O. Turner, the second president of the college, to the growth and progress of the institution during his tenure, the longest of any of the college's presidents.

Dr. Turner served as president for 14 years (1964-1978) and during that time plans for the present campus were conceived and executed.

Lewis Turner has certainly not been forgotten in the years since he passed away. His widow, Betty Thomson, became a member of the Greenfield Community College Foundation and has established a scholarship in his name which is awarded yearly to an outstanding graduate.

It would seem timely to honor Dr. Turner's memory by naming this new branch of the college after him. I hope you will give this suggestion every consideration.

—Luella B. McLaughlin,
Secretary to Dr. Turner, Dr. Goodwin, Dr. George and Dr. Provo

Greenfield Community College
Main Street Campus

—Carolyn Nims

"The Heritage Campus".
"The Main St. Campus".

—John Pride

Campus name suggestions for Main Street:

GCC Community Center Campus
GCC County Center Campus
GCC Main Street Campus
Lewis O. Turner Center Campus
(2nd president GCC)

—Jean Simmons and nursing colleagues

GCC Uptown.

—Donald Smead, submitted by **Barbara Smead**

Downtown Campus.
Main Street Campus.
We could name it "Joe" or "Racquel".

—George Soulos

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Suggested names for the new building

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I would like to submit the following names for GCC's new building:

GCC's Off Campus Building
GCC's Heritage Building

—Ellie Stebbins

I would like to suggest that "the old Heritage Bank building" be renamed in honor of Dr. Lewis O. Turner, the second president of GCC.

Dr. Turner was instrumental in getting the college started and presided over the move to our present campus. He insisted that whatever else might happen, we must maintain a high level of academic/intellectual integrity.

Although his last years were somewhat clouded by campus problems and by his own illness, it would be fitting to remember Dr. Turner as he was in his prime.

—Herb Steeper

How about something original like: GCC, Main Street Campus? That way the Post Office won't get confused. Or Greenfield Central Community College (GCCC!) Exotic names ...? Ummm Greenfield School of Nursing and Computer Technology ... too long. GCC School of Health and Industrial Technology. Best of luck!

—Karen Truehart

Winner of the first prize, a GCC sweatshirt, goes to Karen Truehart for Greenfield Central Community College. Sounds expansive ... like one half of a great football rivalry. We liked Karen's last suggestion even better until we discovered its acronym.

Second prize of lunch in the cafeteria is awarded to Luella McLaughlin for her eloquent tribute to Lewis O. Turner.

Third prize, a tour of the new building, goes to ... well, the rest of you. There were some great suggestions. But really, Dave, "Meds-R-Us"?

A T-shirt awaits atop Mt. Everest ...

The fitness/wellness center announces several new incentive programs for the spring semester:

• **Mt. Everest Climb** for students, faculty and staff. Using the Stairmaster, log in the number of feet you climb each time on the Mt. Everest sheet. When you reach the top, which is about 29,000 feet, you will earn a Mt. Everest Club T-shirt. "You don't have to do it all at once," says **Jeff Coulson**, coordinator of wellness, fitness and athletics.

• **Pay-back plan** for faculty and staff. Earn your $15 membership fee back. Once you pay your membership fee, you will receive a card. Each time you use the fitness/wellness center, have your card punched. When your card has been punched 30 times, your $15 fee is refunded to you. This offer is good through September 1. Cards are available to new members and members already paid, but visits prior to January 13 will not be honored.

• **Office/grouping incentive plan** for faculty and staff. If there are ten peeople or less in your office/grouping, and two-thirds of them join the fitness/wellness center by Spring Break (March 25), they will get a pizza party in May.

The fitness/wellness center, located in the north side of campus directly below the mini-gym, offers a variety of cardiovascular and weight training equipment. On the cardiovascular side, the center offers a treadmill (for walking or running), a stationary bicycle, rower and stepper. All of these are computerized and easy to use.

The center also has two computerized weight machines (for abdominals and biceps) as well as a cable crossover machine (for most major muscle groups—back, shoulders, arms, abdominals, legs) and a leg raise/dip machine (for abdominals and triceps).

Anyone wanting to work out in the fitness/wellness center when it is closed must come down in pairs (or more). A key can be obtained from security or Jeff (extension 274) or **Bonnie Hoffman** (extension 352). Both people need to have had an orientation with **Rebecca Clemente** or one of her staff before using the fitness/wellness center when it is closed. To set up a time, call her at extension 348.

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Send your news items (new appointments, promotions, awards, grants, published work, weddings, births and other personal and professional accomplishments) to Russell Powell by the first Monday of the month for inclusion in that month's issue.

Monday, February 7 will be the deadline for the February issue.